(b) to (d) The issue regarding some amenments in the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was examined by the Government in various high level meetings including the Cabinet in view of a large number of representations recevied from both the house owners and tenants.

The Government has decided to enforce the Act after effecting amendments to some of the provisions of the Act. The Amendment Bill seek to make the Act more acceptable to both the tenants and landlords and at the same time encourage investment in housing sector particularly to rental housing. The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.97.

लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप–II के क्वार्टर के रसोईघरों और स्नानघरों की दोषपूर्ण पाइप लाइनें

2626. श्री राजनाथ सिंह : क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप-II क्वार्टरों विशेष रूप से क्वार्टर नं० 1274 से 1296 तक की रसोई घरों और स्नानघरों की पाइपलाइनें दोषपूर्ण एवं टूटी-फूटी अवस्था में हैं और जिसके परिणामस्वरूप प्रथम तल से भूमितल पर गंदा पानी टपकता रहता है और भूमितल की नालियों के बन्द होने के कारण क्वार्टरों में गंदा पानी भर जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त पाइपों की मरम्मत और उन्हें बदलने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये है ?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (डा० ए० वेंकटेश्वरलु) : (क) और (ख) लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप–II क्वार्टर 40 वर्ष से भी पुराने हैं कोई विशेष शिकायत प्राप्त होने पर उन्हें तत्काल दूर किया जाता है । हाल ही में क्वार्टर नं. 1274–1276, 1281–1283, 1285–1287 की पाइपलाइनें बदली गयी हैं ।

Auction of Sites in Janakpuri

2627. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has left out from auction the site for shop No. 25 in Block No. 19, CSM, Janakpuri, New Delhi, while all other sites in the said block were auctioned several years back;

(b) whether this is due to a lapse on the part of DDA; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DDA have received any complaint in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the said site is likely to be auctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by DDA plot No. 25 in Block No. 19, CSM, Janakpuri has not been allotted so far. Initially plot No. 25 & 26 in Block No. 19, CSM, were earmarked for specific disposal as a single restaurant. But plot No. 26 was subsequently allotted to an evictee and therefore the matter regarding modification of the lay out plan was referred to planning department so as to dispose off plot No. 25 as commercial. In the meantime a number of representations were received from the left out evictees for allotment of the plot. Pending decision on these representations the disposal of plot was kept in abeyance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The plot has now been included in the ensuing auction programme.

Officer of Plot to the Maharashtra Government in Lieu of Sirmur Plot

2628. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have offered a plot at Shrinivaspuri in lieu of the Sirmur plot, to the Maharashtra Government and whether due to inconvenience and unsuitability, the Maharashtra Government has refused the offer;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to vacate the Sirmur plot and hand over the same to the Maharashtra Government;

(c) if so, by when it would be executed; and

(d) if not, the alternative steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. 1.5 acres land in Srinivaspuri area in lieu of Sirmur Plot was offered to the Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra represented that they were not interested in 1.5 acres land in Srinivaspuri area.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (b) above.

(d) Further steps in this regard will be taken in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.

Revision of Population Limit of towns

2629. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 124 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population limit of the towns to be considered under AUWSP has been increased from 20,000 to 1,00,000;

(b) if so, the detailed thereof; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding Maharashtra Government's demand of increasing the quantity of water being supplied in urban areas from 70 lpcd to 100 lpcd?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) It has been clarified in the reply sent to the Maharashtra Government that the present norm of 70 lpcd is considered adequate for towns having population upto 1,00,000 as these towns do not generally in large industrial and institutional requirements of water.

Statue on Willingdon Crescent

2630. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beautiful group statue on Willingdon Crescent Sardar Patel Road junction in New Delhi is an approximate representation of Dandi March;

(b) whether it is a fact that a pix of this art sculpture has been printed on Rs. 500-notes;